THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) At present there is no proposal to construct a bypass Express way around Hyderabad. However, for the quick movement of traffic, the four arms of National Highways radiating from Hyderabad for the reaches experiencing traffic congestion have been proposed to be fourlaned. This proposal is at preliminary stage.

Assistance from ADB for Highways in Andhra Pradesh

3827. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the total funds assured and committed by Asian Development Bank for work on Highways in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether such work has started;

(c) by when, the works will be completed

(d) whether site selection for a rest area on National Highway No. 5 has been completed in West Godavari district; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) Following projects on National Highways in the State of Andhra Pradesh are included in the loan assistance amounting to US $ 245 million from Asian Development Bank for National Highway Projects.

Name of Work	Project Cost based on tender (Rs. in crores)	Project commence-ment date	Target date of completion
(i) Strengthening of NH-9 from Nandigama (Km. 217) to Vijayawada (Km. 265) including 4 laning from Km. 252 to Km. 265 -Civil Work Contract-IV	67.90	October, 1996	April, 2000
(ii) Strengthening of NH-5 from Vijayawada to Eluru (Km. 3.4 to Km. 75.0) including 4-laning from Km. 3.4 to Km. 13.0 and construction of 17.95 Km. bypass for Eluru Town -Civil Work Contract-V.	171.6	December, 1997	June, 2001

(d) and (e) A site for rest area has been selected between Km. 79.0 and Km. 80.0 of Vijayawada-Vasakhapatnam section of NH 5 in West Godavari District.